

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

K. OKADA

Serial No. 10/686,567

Filed: October 17, 2003

For: GAMING MACHINE, SERVER, AND PROGRAM

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**EXPEDITED PROCESSING**

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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September 24, 2007

Sir:

This request for reconsideration is submitted in response to the final Official Action dated July 23, 2007, the time for response to which is up to and including October 23, 2007.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 and 16 are independent.

**Restriction and Withdrawal**

Claims 16-27 stand restricted and withdrawn. The restriction is respectfully traversed.

Claims 16-27 are restricted on the grounds that “[n]ewly submitted claims 16-27 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claim 16 discloses a method for setting a value associated with an award obtainable based on a total